

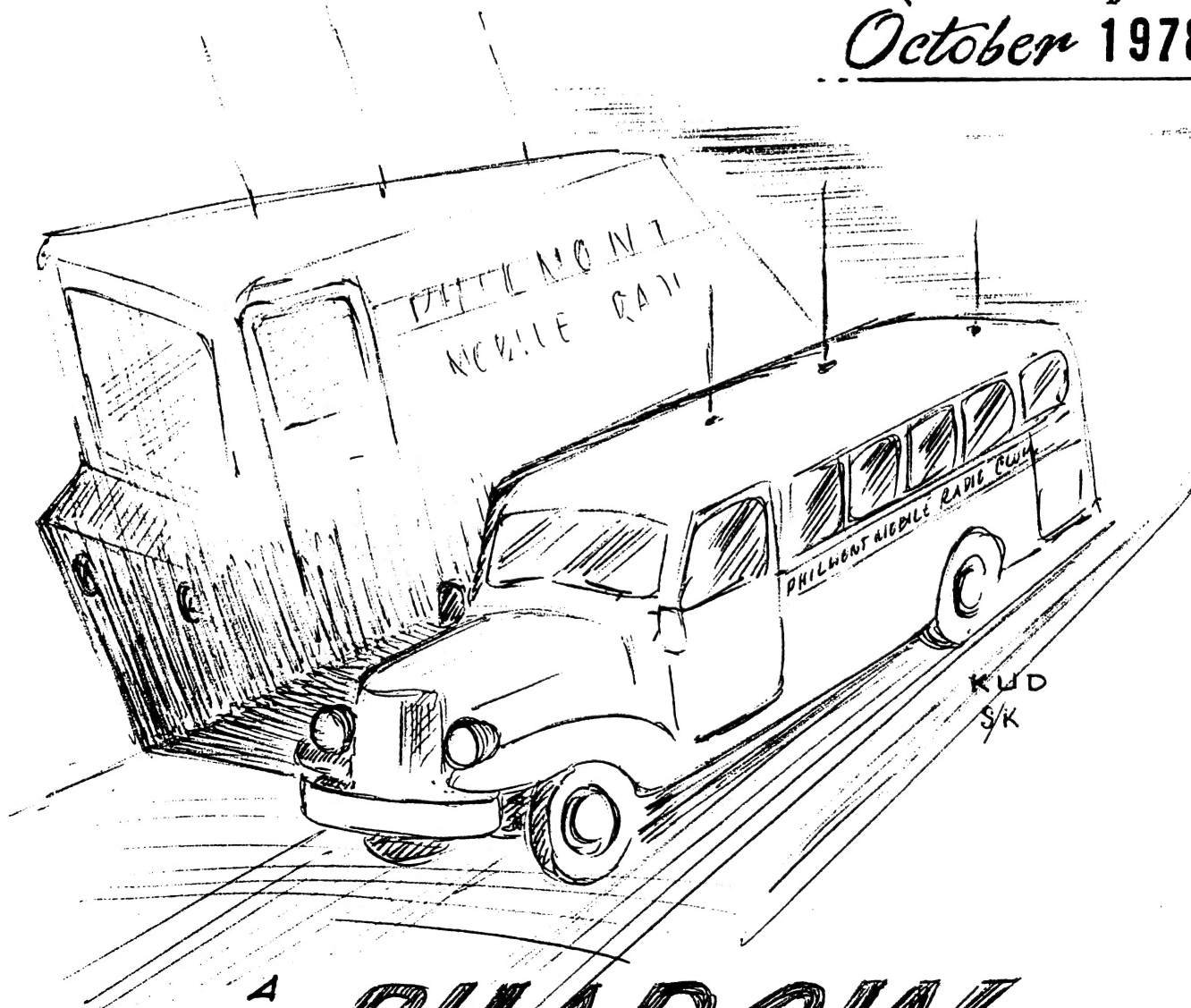
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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

Several years ago Philmonters decided to designate a simplex frequency for close-in communication. The frequency selected was 147.51 which has been notable only for its lack of use. For some reason many of us elect to use .03 direct as a simplex frequency and, while there are situations where that is a good way to go, the fact remains that because of the widespread population of our club membership 03 will often interfere with the repeater output for at least some of our members.

When this interference occurs we are defeating the purpose of a simplex frequency. It seems that we really never 51 a chance and the reason may well be that just flipping the offset switch takes so little effort, but shucks, we never said it would be easy!

With our repeater becoming increasingly more popular and with the area of coverage we now have, let's give some consideration to 51 and show some consideration for 03.

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Maybe!

Arnie, WB2LGY

We'd like to NET a bigger catch each week and you can help. Check in on each of our Sunday morning nets and build up the ego of our Net Control Stations.

Just to refresh your memory, you can find us at the following times and locations:

63/03 - 9:30 AM 29.493 AM or SSB) - 10:00 AM

3.993 SSB - 10:00 AM 3610 CW - 10:30 AM

We welcome all amateurs, members and non-members to check-in, say hello, or pass traffic. See you on Sunday!

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PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2 Philmont Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM. Program, "Oscar" presented by WB3LCC, Area Amsat Coordinator.

Jewish New Year

Oct. 9 Columbus Day

Oct. 11 Yom Kippur

Oct 18 Midmonth Meeting, 8:00 PM. Location to be announced.

Oct. 30 Mischief Night!

BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

Oct. 30 Halloween

MEETING REPORT

The Philmont Regular Meeting was held on September 11 at the Franklin Institute with 35 members and 11 visitors present.

There being no major business on hand, the Minutes and Treasurer's Report were heard and accepted, after which the visitors were introduced by Gary, WA3YVB. The program for the evening was presented by Bill Mescanti, WB3CMM, and concerned the conversion of CB rigs to 10-meters. Bill had two converted rigs on display, an SBE Sidewinder II and a Sears SSB. The presentation was illustrated, showing the calculations for new crystal selection as well schematics of the minor but necessary component changes.

After the program the ever dependable Institute gang provided refreshments which appeared to attract considerable attention.

ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

Although we received no formal report of the Clambake, all the informal reports indicate that, once again, a good time was had by all thanks to hard work by Howard, W3IGW and Murray, K3SPS.

This year, for the first time, the event was held jointly with the Reading Radio Club which added to the day's fun and swelled the attendance figure to 120! In the sports department Reading defeated Philmont in baseball by a scoring ratio of better than 2-to-1 (the actual score is a secret). The reason for Reading's win seems to be that their pitching staff was in better shape.

No untoward incidents marred the day, although for a time Carl, W3SGR, always the pioneer, was believed to have been captured by Indians in the wilderness. Happily, he finally made it without sending the cavalry.

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THE STATE OF THE ART

From Jerry White comes a copy of a crudely drawn sketch of an amateur transmitter with instructions (?) for conversion to a CB linear. Such clever rhymes as, "Roses are red; Violets are blue; An amateur transmitter makes a linear too." and, "No more linear amplifiers; The Commission said; But the amateur transmitter; Is not dead." are found on the sketch sheet. Jerry says he received it from a local CB dealer with some advertising material.

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A small electronics firm in California recently developed a simple, cheap, scrambler for use with CB. When a patent was applied for a "cease manufacture" order was issued and all data was impounded by the federal government. The reason given was that the patent touched on sensitive areas of the national security.

(CB always sounds like it has been through a scrambler to us!)

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The FCC is investigating reports of CB interference with heart Pacemakers. No large scale problem exists at present, but there have been several documented cases of such interference.

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RCA is currently installing one of the world's largest antenna stacks on top of the World Trade Center in New York City. The structure will be 351½ feet above the Center's North Tower and will weigh 363 tons. When complete the self-supporting mast will serve 10 TV stations and 15 FM stations.

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A bill, presently in Congress, proposes to completely change the way in which radio and TV are regulated in the United States. The bill, aimed at reducing staff, administrative delays, and overall costs, will change licensing procedures among other things. Many services, such as Amateur Radio and CB, will be considerably deregulated. Public hearings on the bill are now in progress in various cities throughout the country.

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The September issue of 73 Magazine contains two related articles which concern the use of Amateur Radio in Ohio during last January's blizzard. The articles not only provide an insight into the particular problems caused by snow and high winds, but they also provide proof that not only can those Ohio guys put on a Hamvention, but they also can provide public service when needed.

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Old Timer's Night will be the program for our November Regular Meeting. Plan now to join the gang for dinner and fun afterward. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Jake Kovalchek, KB2BA Handle: Jake

Address: 1228 Heartwood Drive
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Occupation: Distribution Manager

Employer: Sears, Roebuck, Co., St Davids, PA

XYL: Lorraine (no call)

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Address: 1245 Gilham St.
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Occupation: Purchasing Agent

Employer: Production Specialties Co., W. Conshohocken, PA.

XYL: Mel (no call)

Phone: (H) PI-4-7462 (B) 828-3204

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Action on the above applications will be taken at the October Midmonth Meeting

THINGS WE HEAR

Ep, K3AWC, written up in the Inquirer recently as the official square-dance caller at Graduate Hospital's Annual Fair.....Charlie, W3ZPP, joined the Advanced Class ranks... Al, W3OWK, studying celestial navigation to help when he chases fish.....Arnie, WB2LGY, suffering from RTTY-back. They aren't portable you know!.....Bill, W3GQD, checking up on the electricians at the new house. Seems he wants to be the only one to install masses of miscellaneous wires.....Gerge, W3KN, in the hospital for a tune-up after the recent overhaul.....Hal, W3AA, and Marion preparing for another journey south... Bob, W3UQ, can be heard mobile from more different locations than anyone else.... Ginny, wife of Wayne, WB2SZF, in the hospital for testing....Most police departments in the US are doing away with the 10-code. They have found that when plain English is used there are fewer foul-ups.....Speaking of foul-ups, the BLURB is being put together in less than one week this month due to the late meeting. Forgive us for being a little light.

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